Your Trusted Partner in Bladder Cancer Care

UNC Cancer Care and UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center have assembled a team of recognized experts in bladder cancer care within a strong multidisciplinary urologic oncology program. Our team combines outstanding surgical skill with tremendous expertise in radiology, medical oncology and radiation oncology. Bladder cancer patients receive the benefit of our experience combined with one-stop consultative care and coordination with their local physician to create the best treatment plan possible.
A broad range of expertise focuses on the special challenges presented by bladder cancer

When you refer a bladder cancer patient to UNC Cancer Care, you offer choices.

The experience of one of the largest robotic and minimally-invasive teams empowers our physicians to offer the right surgical approach for each patient at the right time. Whenever possible, patients are offered the benefits of a minimally-invasive approach. As one site for a large outcomes trial comparing robotic and open surgery, UNC offers the confidence that comes with extensive surgical experience. Patients are offered a range of urinary diversion options to preserve quality of life.

Our center of excellence is distinguished by the presence of multiple national and center-based clinical trials to patients, providing access to new treatments that are not yet widely available. Our physicians have published more than 125 peer-reviewed publications in bladder cancer and pre-clinical development of new therapeutics to evidence-based comparisons of surgical techniques and long-term outcomes. Our center is a member of the National Bladder Cancer Research Consortium, an international organization that facilitates information intake, scheduling all tests and follow-up visits, and ensuring clear communication to referring health care providers.

Our patients are treated by bladder cancer specialists with extensive experience. Our staff can assist patients and families needing assistance with local navigation and places to stay during treatment. The UNC Comprehensive Cancer Support Program offers services ranging from information and education to nutritional consulting, peer support groups, complement therapies and alternative therapies, and integrative medicine consultations. Carolina Pathology, UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, and our dedicated patient care staff ensure continuity and quality care.

Top Rankings for Patient Satisfaction

You can refer with confidence. UNC Health Care scored highest in patient satisfaction among all academic medical centers nationwide that participated in the University HealthSystem Consortium in 2009-2010. In addition, UNC’s urologic services ranked in the 99th percentile nationally for patient satisfaction in the Press Ganey survey for fiscal year 2011.

Leading-edge research and clinical trials

As members of UNC Lineberger, our physicians are also engaged in leading-edge research in areas ranging from the genetics of bladder cancer to pre-clinical development of new therapeutics. The research of one of the largest bladder cancer programs in the United States is supported by bladder cancer survivorship program and patient navigation. Our patients and survivors provide peer-to-peer support in conjunction with the professionals from the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Support Program. Our physicians have published more than 125 peer-reviewed publications in the field of bladder cancer over the last five years. Our experts provide leadership to and participate in national clinical trial consortia and offer multiple national and center-based clinical trials to patients, providing access to new treatments that are not yet widely available.

UNC Cancer Care Bladder Cancer Patients

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Our Team

Patients referred to the UNC Bladder Cancer Center of Excellence are seen by a multidisciplinary team of physicians. The team includes a fellow UNC urology resident and urology residents. The multidisciplinary team provides a comprehensive opinion regarding the best treatment plan for the individual patient. Dedicated program coordinators and nurse navigators guide the complex care delivered to our patients by facilitating information intake, scheduling all tests and follow-up visits, and ensuring clear communication to referring health care providers.

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